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1 care visits; and

2 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9-7-11.1 NMSA 1978, it is the
3 policy of the state that basic health services be available,
4 accessible, acceptable and culturally appropriate for all New
5 Mexicans, regardless of financial status; and

6 WHEREAS, state educational institutions have a
7 responsibility to not only educate and train students but to
8 provide education and training that is specific to the
9 culturally and linguistically diverse groups in the state; and

10 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the national institutes of
11 health that women and members of minority groups and their
12 subpopulations must be included in all national institutes of
13 health supported biomedical and behavioral health research
14 projects involving human subjects, unless there exists a clear
15 and compelling rationale and justification for their exclusion;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health, in
18 conjunction with the New Mexico health policy commission, be
19 requested to study the linguistic and cultural barriers that
20 adversely impact the ability of limited English proficient
21 patients and minorities to obtain appropriate health care
22 coverage and access; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health, in
24 conjunction with the university of New Mexico school of
25 medicine, be requested to study the appropriate representation

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1 of limited English proficient patients and minorities in
2 clinical trials or research projects involving human subjects,
3 including a review of informed consent, language translation
4 and efficacy based on age, gender and ethnicity; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health, in
6 conjunction with the regulation and licensing department, the
7 New Mexico medical board, the board of nursing and other health
8 care provider boards, be requested to research the existing
9 cultural and linguistic curricula in health care provider
10 education and training and make recommendations for
11 substantively improving the curricula provided by state post-
12 secondary educational institutions for such education and
13 training; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health
15 present its findings and recommendations to the legislative
16 health and human services committee and the legislative finance
17 committee by October 1, 2004; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the department of health, the New Mexico health
20 policy commission and the regulation and licensing department;
21 and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the final report of
23 the department of health be transmitted to the legislative
24 council service library.